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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #55 - As of 6:00 AM EDT)

1. Fighting is apparently continuing on all fronts. Both sides claim to have made advances, but the battle line appears to be largely stationary at the moment. Pakistan claims to have stopped the Indian thrust toward Sialkot, where the heaviest fighting is still taking place, but the Indians state that they are maintaining enough pressure on this front to force the Pakistanis to commit virtually all their armor--which the Indians hope to whittle down through attrition--in the battle. The Lahore sector appears quiet at latest report, with some artillery exchanges and patrolling activity.

2. The Security Council unanimously adopted a new cease-fire resolution early this morning, with Jordan abstaining. The new resolution "demands" a cease-fire in stronger terms than earlier UN resolutions on this subject and calls on the combatants to end the fighting within 48 hours. In addition the resolution calls on India and Pakistan to settle "the political problem underlying the present conflict." Pakistan, however, continues to object that the resolution makes no provision for a plebiscite in Kashmir.

3. Despite Pakistani Finance Minister Shoaib's moderate remarks yesterday, Foreign Minister Bhutto apparently is continuing to speak of the need for a guarantee on the Kashmir issue prior to a cease-fire. Ambassador McConaughy comments that it is evident that a struggle for power within the Pakistani cabinet and Ayub's inner circle is under way.

4. In a message broadcast to the country, Indian Defense Minister Chavan stated that India had no territorial ambitions with regard to Pakistan. He stated that if necessary India will

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resist "Chinese aggression with grim determination," adding that Chinese involvement not only further threatens peace on the subcontinent but "may lead to much wider consequences."

5. News services reports quote diplomatic sources claiming that India has asked the Colombo powersto intercede in the threatened Sino-Indian dispute.

6. The US Consul General in Dacca states that high East Pakistani officials appear now to be entertaining vague hopes and expectations for an early truce. Belligerence and talk of crushing India in a long war is now absent from East Pakistani social conversation, in contrast to the early days of the conflict, the Consul General reports.

7. Peking has accused the Indians of two further border incursions, one in Western Tibet and at one unspecified location apparently in the same general area. The official New China News Agency alleges that on 18 September three Indian soldiers crossed the line of control at Demchok--the area in which [redacted] the Chinese cut off an Indian outpost the same day. The second incident occurred at an unspecified location in "Western China" on 19 September. A Indian spokesman has denied Chinese allegations regarding earlier incursions, as well as the most recent ones.

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